

Appl. No. 10/777,341
Reply to Office Action dated Oct. 18, 2005
Response dated February 20, 2006

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 18, 2005. Claims 1-52 are pending in the application. The Examiner has issued a Restriction Requirement. Claims 2 and 27-37 are hereby canceled. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuation application covering those claims that are now being canceled.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 1, 3-11 and 25 are allowed. The Examiner indicates that claims 12-24, 26 and 38-52 are rejected. The Examiner objected to certain claims in paragraph 2 of the Office Action. Those claims have been amended and are believed proper in view of the amendments.

The Examiner required an addition to the specification at paragraph 3 of the Office Action. That amendment to the specification has now been made.

The Examiner rejected various claims at paragraph 4 of the Office Action under 35 U.S.C. §112. Amendments have been made to the claims which claims 1, 3-11 and 28 and 24 have been amended and are believed proper under §112.

At page 5 of the Office Action the Examiner rejects claims 12, 15-22, 25 and 26 as anticipated by Shimoji, U.S. Patent 3,637,236. That rejection is contained at paragraph 5.

The Examiner also rejects claims 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Shimoji in view of Voight, U.S. Patent 4,382,607.

The Examiner rejects claims 23, 24 and 38-52 as unpatentable over Shimoji in view of Ellerd, U.S. Patent 3,290,058.

The Examiner indicates that claims 1 and 3-11 and 25 are allowable upon resolution of any §112 rejection.

The details of the art rejections are contained at pages 3-4 of the Office Action.

The claims as amended are believed patentable over Shimoji and thus the combination of Shimoji with the other references contained at pages 3 and 4 of the Office Action in view of the amendments.

Claim 12 has been amended to point out that each link extends from one side of a wheel support to an opposing side of another wheel support, each link in sequence attaching to the same

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side of a wheel support as the link closest to it. This differs from Shimoji which uses links in the exact same position from one wheel support to the next. Applicant's structure as now claimed provides advantages over Shimoji such as for example a tighter turning radius which is important in cramped facilities such as mini factories.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is hereby respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for any extension of time necessary to render this paper timely.

Enclosed is **Check No. 9598 in the amount of \$60** for a one month extension. However, if this amount is insufficient, please charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0694.

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